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Welcome to the June edition of ***WESTport***, MoDOT District 4's newsletter to our Missouri General Assembly members, city and county officials, and other transportation partners from the west central region.

You will receive monthly updates of District 4 projects and activities throughout the regular General Assembly session, and periodic updates during the rest of the year. We hope you will find the information useful and enlightening.

Our District 4 staff is always available to answer your questions and address constituent concerns. See our list of contacts at the bottom of this newsletter for telephone numbers and other information, or visit our district website at www.modot.org/kansascity/

I-470/Strother Road Public Meeting June 19

The Missouri Department of Transportation and the City of Lee's Summit will display and explain final design plans for the Strother Road Interchange on I-470 in Jackson County from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, at Lee's Summit North High School, 901 NE Douglas Street.

An open-house format will be used, and persons may discuss the project and offer comments at any time between the prescribed hours. The presently contemplated improvement is as follows:

This project includes the environmental and design work for proposed interchange on Route I-470 at Strother Road in Lee's Summit, Missouri. The proposed facilities include the interchange, auxiliary lanes and Route I-470, an extension of Strother Road from west to the east side of the interstate, and a local road parallel to Route I-470 between Woods Chapel Road on the north and Colbern Road on the south.

Maps, plats, environmental information and other detail information prepared by the City of Lee's Summit will be made available for public inspection and copying at the office of the Director of Public Works of the City of Lee's Summit, 220 SE Green St., Lee's Summit, Missouri 64063.

Written statements and exhibits as well as oral statements will be received at the hearing. Written statements and exhibits will be made a part of the public hearing transcript if received within ten working days after the date of the hearing.

Route 13 “Gap Project” Moving Forward

More than 50 people attended the final design public hearing for the Route 13 “Gap Project” May 31 in Lexington. The project ties Route 13’s four-lane divided section, which ends just south of Route 24, with the existing two-lane Route 13 to the south.

The 3.1-mile extension is expected to enhance safety, increase mobility, decrease travel time, provide for efficient movement of traffic, and offer a convenient and economical north/south route. The project is on schedule and should begin right-of-way acquisition by the end of summer 2007. Construction is on track for 2008 with the road opening to the public by spring 2010.

Although current funding limits the project to two lanes, sufficient right-of-way will be acquired to permit expansion to four lanes when needed. The estimated construction cost for this project is \$6.5 million.

Request for Public Hearing Deadline June 21

Residents of North Kansas City and surrounding communities have until Friday, June 21, 2007 to request a design public hearing on bridgework requiring closing three miles of Route D in Platte County for approximately four weeks beginning in fall 2007.

This project consists of pavement repair, surface treatment, pavement marking and bridge deck surface work along with expansion joint replacement on a bridge over I-435 on Route D west of Ferrelview. The roadway will be closed in one direction at a time and traffic will be detoured during the proposed construction activity for the bridgework.

Requests for a public hearing must be received in writing no later than June 21 at the following address: Greg Anderson, Project Manager, Missouri Department of Transportation, at 602 North Belt Highway, St. Joseph, Missouri 64502.

Floodwaters Recede in District 4

Route D in Lafayette County reopened at 7:30 a.m. Monday, June 4, ending a three-week period of Kansas City-region roadway closures due to flooding. MoDOT District 4 personnel, who provided regular updates to the media and general public during the flooding to keep travelers away from danger, continue to assess roadway damages in their eight-county region.

Two Teams Vying for kclCON Project

The Missouri Department of Transportation has qualified two design-build teams that submitted Statements of Qualification (SOQ) to compete for the contract to construct Interstate 29/35 highway improvements and a new landmark Missouri River crossing.

The short-listed teams are as follows:

American Bridge Company

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Major Participants:

URS Corporation (Overland Park, Kan.)

Ideker, Inc. (St. Joseph, Mo.)

Paseo Corridor Constructors

Joint Venture Partners:

Clarkson Construction Company (Kansas City, Mo.)

Massman Construction Co. (Kansas City, Mo.)

Kiewit Western Co. (Omaha, Neb.)

Major Participants:

Parsons Transportation Group, Inc. (St. Louis, Mo.)

TranSystems Corporation (Kansas City, Mo.)

"We are thrilled to have two exceptional teams with strong local, national and international reputations interested in designing and constructing our project," said kclCON Project Director Brian Kidwell. "We look forward to working with both of them over the next several months as they develop their proposals."

The contractor team will be selected using a Best Value process to determine who can best meet or exceed MoDOT's project goals:

- Deliver the Interstate 29/35 corridor improvements within the total program budget of \$245 million.
- Construct a landmark Missouri River bridge(s) that can be reasonably maintained to provide more than a century of useful service.
- Maximize safety, mobility, aesthetic and capacity improvements in the corridor.
- Engage stakeholders and the community to successfully develop and deliver the project.
- Meet or beat the project completion date of October 31, 2011.

The contractor should be selected this fall and major construction could start by early 2008. Additional information is available on the project's Web site: www.kcicon.org

Route 92 Bridge Replacement Begins June 11

MoDOT will close Route 92 to replace the Todd Creek bridge about one-half mile east of Route B in Platte County beginning Monday, June 11.

The project will close the bridge and a portion of Route 92 to through traffic during construction, which is scheduled for completion in late September. Detours will be marked. A new 190-foot bridge will be constructed in the same location and raised in elevation to prevent frequent flooding.

The entire project schedule includes an incentive/disincentive program. The contractor will be rewarded for completing stages ahead of schedule and penalized for any work extending beyond the contracted timeframe.

Built in 1932, the existing bridge carries about 4,000 vehicles per day.

Downtown Bridge Contract Awarded

Six bridges over I-670 on the south side of the Downtown Loop will be rehabilitated over the next few months, concluding significant changes in the area. MoDOT awarded a \$1,725,250 contract to Clarkson Construction Co. to replace the sidewalks and parapets and overlay the decks with epoxy on the Grand Boulevard, Main, Baltimore, Walnut and McGee street bridges; add distinctive pedestrian railings on all but the McGee bridge; and repair curbs on Broadway.

Clarkson may proceed immediately, and is expected to complete all work by Nov. 16. All but the McGee Street bridge may be completed weeks sooner. Work that may restrict I-670 and I-35 traffic must be done at night, according to the contract.

Through this latest contract with Clarkson, the City of Kansas City and MoDOT are working with local partners to provide a series of innovative bridge guardrails that will be installed on four bridges. Local artist Jim Woodfill, in partnership with el dorado inc., will design the guardrails. This public art project was born out of a public/private partnership established between the City, MoDOT, the Downtown Council, the Crossroads Community Association, and the Gary Dickinson Family Charitable Foundation. It was designed to create a distinctive addition to downtown's existing landscape, and to make the bridges an appealing and interactive passageway. For driver and pedestrian safety, temporary chain link fencing will be installed on the Grand, Baltimore, Main and Walnut bridges until the art installation is complete.

The bridge rehabilitation project is among more than \$26 million in highway improvements MoDOT has begun in the Downtown Loop over the past 18 months. They include replacing bridges and adding eight-foot-wide sidewalks and retaining walls at Truman Road, Oak and Locust streets; rehabilitating 13 bridges and resurfacing pavement on the west side of the Loop; and resurfacing I-670 on the south side of the Loop.

Projects In and Near Pleasant Hill Under Way

Route 58 between Route BB and Gray Road about 2 miles west of Pleasant Hill is closed through late August for bridge replacement at Middle Big Creek. Traffic from the west will detour south on Route 291, east to Route P, then north on Route 7.

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In Pleasant Hill, Route 7 from 163rd Street to Route VV and from Locust Street to Richland Street is restricted to 10-foot driving lanes while MoDOT constructs a two-way, left-turn lane and makes other improvements to the roadway over the next several months. These improvements are scheduled for completion in November.

In related work, Route VV at the intersection with Lexington Road is closed for construction of a roundabout. Traffic will detour to Route 150 until the new intersection reopens in mid-August, although emergency vehicles have access through the project.

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